

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, April 11, 2011

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Timothy Pratt

Al Gerew, Chair Al Low

Juliette Lopez-Recinos-Vice Chair

Dave Marcotte

Kevin Mazzarella, Secretary

Stephen Rawson, Burrillville Town Council Liaison

Absent: None

Excused: Alice Lavigne

Guests: Tom Kravitz, Town Planner

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Al Gerew, Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.

Motion to accept minutes of March 14, 2011 regular meeting by Judy Lopez, Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 6-0.

Correspondence:

None

Good & Welfare:

Director commented that the flags at Freedom Park had been replaced almost the day after the last meeting. Thanks were noted to Recreation Commission Alternate, Joshua Steere.

Al Gerew reported that a couple of residents inquired as to why the entrance to the lower falls had been fenced off. The Chair suggested that the commission look into inquiring about the possible reopening with a gate and a safety latch.

Steve Rawson reported that he had also had some inquiries and that this matter has been placed on the Council Agenda.

Old Business:

Budgets (CIP & Operating)

Motion made by Dave Marcotte and Seconded by Judy Lopez to move this time to the top of Old Business. Motion passed 6-0.

The Chair noted for the record that he was never against the bike path and his concern that this was rumored. He did, however, have some questions and concerns.

The Chair recognized Tom Kravitz, Town Planner for an update on the Pedestrian/Pike Path.

Tom Kravitz reported that the latest plans given to Commission have changed very little and that Jeff McCormick, DPW Director can give us updates on the construction of the path as it goes forward.

Commission members expressed some concerns about paving the path and Mr. Kravitz explained the need to pave because of arsenic along the path. The Director asked out of curiosity, if he had ever heard of a bike path that incorporated both paving and gravel based side of side, however, Mr. Kravitz reported this consideration would never have been possible because of the requirements of DEM regulations and the issue of the arsenic. A number of test holes were drilled early on in the project. No changes can be made without going back to DEM.

The Chair noted that there seem to be some disconnects about the project and the need to be kept in the loop. Residents look to the Recreation Commission for answers to questions.

Questions were raised and discussed about the Land Regulations in regards to the fee versus land. Mr. Kravitz explained that it all depends on the project. Certain projects require open space land and a choice of fees or land is really not an option. Going forward he will

keep us more informed on the development projects.

The Director and Commission members thanked the Town Planner for coming to the meeting and for the update.

The Commission discussed the authority of the Recreation Capital Account. Questions were raised regarding balance and frequency of drawing funds from that account. Al Gerew suggested once again for the Commission to send a letter to the Town Manager. Dave Marcotte made a motion to send a letter to the Town Manager asking for clarification of the land use regulations and the Recreation Capital Account. Motion seconded by Al Low. Motion passed, 6-0.

Ornaments

Commission member Al Low reported that the Ornaments will be offered at the Farmers Market.

Spring Lake Beach

The Director reported that the utilization of an ATM machine at the facility is not going forward at this time. Too many stipulations are involved in the contract proposed by Citizens Bank.

Charging of the water system at the Spring Lake facility and Hauser Memorial Field will take place the week of April 25th.

Skate Park

The Director reported that one panel on the equipment was damaged and will look into cost associated with repair or replacement of the damaged piece. It was also reported that the town did purchase the land needed for the park relocation.

Egg Hunt

The Director invited Commission members to the egg hunt scheduled for April 16th.

Earth Day

The Director shared with the Commission an update on the Burrillville Earth Day to be held on April 23rd at 8:30am.

New Business:

School Building Use Fees

The Director reported changes in the charges by the School Department to the Leagues utilizing gym time during off hours. The changes include charging for the time that custodians actually stay at the facility and not for the time booked. Also, the inclusion of charges associated with Medicare and Fica within these fees. Dave

Marcotte expressed his ongoing concerns relative to this issue and the school department imposing these fees. He expressed once again that the department should think about charging the school for the utilization of the rec department facilities.

The Director stated that a meeting would be requested with the Superintendent and the Facilities Manager prior to next season for clarification.

Scanning Software

The Director reported on the purchasing of software to use at Spring Lake Beach. With the assistance of the CIS department quotes and comparison on difference packages are in the process. The Director stated that working with a company that has software that can be built upon going forward into the future would be ideal. There are many components to add, i.e., facilities registration, activities, registration and so on.

Hauser Field Locks

The Director reported locks being purchased from a new company for the changeover of all gates at Hauser Field and Spring Lake Beach. At Hauser it will also include the buildings with a separate key for the light room.

Project Priority List

Motion made by Dave Marcotte and Judy Lopez to postpone to the next regular meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Judy Lopez-Recinos. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion Passed 6-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859

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